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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Joint Technical Architecture-Army, Version 5.5

1. References¹:

a. Memorandum, SAIS-ADM, 06 Dec 96, Subject: Implementation of the Department of Defense (DoD) Joint Technical Architecture.

b. Memorandum, SAIS-PAA, 11 Sep 97, Subject: Implementation of the Joint Technical Architecture-Army, Version 5.0 (Formerly the Army Technical Architecture (ATA).

c. Memorandum, DAMO-ADO, 23 Sep 1998, Subject: Joint Technical Architecture-Army Compliance Wording for all Request for Proposals

d. DACS-ZB message, 29 May 96, Subject: Army Technical Architecture Implementation.

e. Memorandum, DAMO-ADO, 26 March 1998, Subject: Revised Joint Technical Architecture-Army (JTA-A) Migration Planning Guidance and Procedures.

2. The Joint Technical Architecture-Army (JTA-Army), Version 5.5² has completed the configuration management process, and is mandatory for all systems that produce, use, or exchange information electronically. Compliance with the JTA-Army is the means by which Army organizations will meet the DoD mandated architecture, the Joint Technical Architecture (JTA). (See reference a.)

3. JTA-Army Version 5.5 is effective 60 days after signature of this letter and supersedes the previous version (reference b). Procurements currently underway may continue to use previous versions, except where changes are required in order to maintain interoperability. New Requests for Proposal (RFPs), Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs) and JTA-Army Migration Plans will be based on JTA-Army Version 5.5. Reference c contains JTA-Army compliance language that is mandatory for use in all RFPs and BAAs.

¹ References are available on a Web site at "<http://arch-odisc4.army.mil/aes/aea/jta-a/html/homepage.htm>".

² Joint Technical Architecture - Army, Version 5.5 is available on the Web site at "<http://arch-odisc4.army.mil/aes/aea/jta-a/jtaa55/html/jtaa55.htm>".

4. Reference d is the Chief of Staff's "Mark on the Wall" that identifies timelines for meeting JTA-Army critical interoperability standards. Section 3.2 of reference e identifies the JTA-Army sections that contain these critical interoperability standards; also, it provides amplifying guidance on First Digitized Division and First Digitized Corps timelines and system quantities associated with that "Mark on the Wall".

5. This is a maintenance release, and as a result, all systems developers are required to review the changes, including the additional Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) standards, and the Date Data Format for Year 2000 (Y2K) compliance³. It updates existing standards, mandates previous emerging standards that have sufficiently matured, and provides additional standards in areas not covered by the previous version. A detailed summary of JTA-Army changes from Version 5.0 to Version 5.5 is contained in Appendix H. All non-commercial standards mandated in the JTA-Army have met the DoD Commercial Standards Policy; a request for waiver or exception to policy for their use is not required.

6. This version, as well as other JTA-Army documentation, is available for viewing and downloading on the World Wide Web at URL "<http://arch-odisc4.army.mil/aes/aea/jta-a/html/homepage.htm>". Technical questions regarding JTA-Army should be referred to the Army Systems Engineering Office (ASEO), Mr. Ray Herrick, DSN 987-3309, Commercial (732) 427-3309, "herrick@doim6.monmouth.army.mil". All other questions about the JTA-Army should be referred to the Office, Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (ODISC4), Mrs. E. Jean Gilleo, DSN 227-4189, Commercial (703) 697-4189, E-mail: "gilleej@hqda.army.mil".

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³ See JTA-Army Version 5.5 sections 3.2.2.2.5 - Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), and 4.2.6 - Date Data Format.

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